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Applicant was unable to obtain a copy of an English translation of the abstract of G 90 14 230.6. However, Applicant was able to obtain a copy of the English translation of the abstract for EP0481365, which is the European correspondent to G 90 14 230.6. Accordingly, Applicant asks that the English translation of EP0481365 be considered as the English translation of the abstract of G 90 14 230.6.

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